

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 621

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Wayne K. Scharber on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years in state government.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne K. Scharber is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 36 years in multiple state government service positions, most recently as the Assistant Commissioner for Environment in the Department of Environment and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scharber, a lifetime resident of this great Volunteer State, was born in Winchester on April 19, 1941; and

WHEREAS, he pursued his educational goals at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture in 1963, and the following summer attended East Tennessee State University, where he took courses in Public Health Sanitation; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 he received a Master of Science Degree in Hygiene from Tulane University and subsequently attended the Public Service Management Institute at the University of Tennessee in Nashville in 1970; and

WHEREAS, he began his estimable environmental career in 1963; he first used his skills as a Sanitarian with the Franklin County Health Department until 1967; he then served as an Environmental Consultant through 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scharber's exemplary tenure with Tennessee state government began in 1970 when he was employed as a Health Administrator; in 1977, he was promoted to the important position of Director of the Bureau of Environment, and from 1989 until his retirement on September 30, 1999, he served with rare acumen and alacrity as Assistant Commissioner for Environment; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Scharber's entire career has been devoted to the environment; his experience spans the Legislature, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, local and national environmental groups, local government officials, and industry officials; and

WHEREAS, extremely dedicated to his job, he is highly respected and admired by friends, colleagues, and staff alike; it has been said that if you want to learn about the environment, Mr. Scharber is the person to work with, because he can recite from memory every piece of environmental legislation ever passed; and

WHEREAS, he feels fortunate to share love and companionship with Faye, his devoted wife of 36 years; he is the proud father of three daughters, Sarah who is married to Chuck and lives in Atlanta, Shannon of Nashville, and Susan who is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Scharber reside in Hermitage, Tennessee; they are devout and valued members of the Hermitage United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the love of his life is Kitt, his red mule; Kitt has, on occasion, placed Mr. Scharber on his back and in the process has given him two black eyes and a trip to the

emergency room; until his retirement reception, only a select few knew about the black eyes, so a few Senators and Representatives more will not make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scharber exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Wayne Scharber has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their fullest potential; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Wayne K. Scharber, a dedicated servant of this state and its environmental health, our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.